

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/625,072

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/11/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5 and 7-14.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S COMMENT/AMENDMENT/REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. All previous rejections have been overcome by the amendment filed on July 11, 2005 and the rejections are withdrawn. *Claims 1-5, 7-14* are now pending in the application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Hilmar Fricke on August 23, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In *claim 1*, line 15, after "filler," add "which is different from component (c),"

In *claim 1*, replace lines 18-19 by "(g) 3 to 30 wt% of additional water".

Reasons For Allowance

3. *Claims 1-5, 7-14* are allowed.

4. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

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The instant claims are allowable over prior art to Ghahary (US 5,476,895).

The present claims are directed to an aqueous coating composition comprising 10-60% of an aqueous dispersion of water-dilutable or water-dispersible binders, 5 to 40% of water-dispersible polyisocyanate 2-70% of filler material, 2 to 30% of a ground polymer material comprising polymethyl methacrylate containing filler, 0.01 to 15% of organic solvents and 3 to 30% of additional water.

Support for the examiner's amendment with regard to component (g) of claim 1 is provided in the original working examples in pages 11-15. Additionally, support for the amendment of component (d) in claim 1 is provided in page 6, lines 12-15.

The prior art to Ghahary discloses granite-like coating comprising thermoplastic and thermosetting resins based on acrylic, epoxies, polyesters etc. The compositions further include granules that afford stone-like appearance based on isophthalic resin or an acrylic resin and pigments and fillers.

The prior art does not teach or suggest an aqueous coating composition comprising an aqueous dispersion of water-dilutable binders comprising water, a cross-linking agent based on blocked or unblocked polyisocyanate, filled PMMA granules and water in the amount specified in claim 1.

Therefore, the instantly claimed invention is deemed allowable over closest prior art of record as per said art neither anticipating nor rendering, alone or in combination, the instantly claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Future Correspondence


5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Satya Sastri whose telephone number is 571-272-1112.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on 571-272-1114. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306 for regular communications. The unofficial direct fax phone number to the Examiner's desk is 571-273-1112.

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